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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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Nominations for Peer Reviewers for Perchlorate Toxicological Review

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Request for nominations.

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**SUMMARY:** EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response has retained Research Triangle Institute, Inc. (RTI) to coordinate a scientific peer review of the Toxicological Review document for perchlorate, including the revised provisional reference dose (RfD), cancer assessment and ecological assessment. The peer review workshop is tentatively scheduled to be held in late 1998 or early 1999, in Ontario, California, and will be open to members of the public as observers. The peer review will be conducted in accordance with EPA's 1998 Peer Review Handbook, and is being organized to assist in completing EPA's evaluation of the effects on human health and the environment of perchlorate. RTI is seeking nominations of highly qualified scientists with expertise in general toxicology, thyroid function and toxicology, developmental toxicology, neurotoxicology, immunotoxicology, pharmacology, genetic toxicology, medical endocrinology with an emphasis on thyroid function, biostatistics, assessment of risks due to non-cancer and cancer health effects, and assessment of risks due to ecological effects. RTI will select approximately 10 objective peer reviewers based upon demonstrated expertise of the scientists and the need for balance in affiliation among the peer reviewers. RTI will consider potential conflicts of interest in screening nominees for suitability as peer reviewers. All nominations will be carefully considered, but the source of peer reviewer nominations will not be a factor in the selection of peer reviewers and stakeholders are not guaranteed that any of their nominees will be selected. The peer review will cover the protocols and results of ongoing studies of perchlorate toxicity to human health and the environment, as well as the Toxicological Review document, including the revised provisional RfD, cancer assessment, and ecological assessment for perchlorate prepared by EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA).

**DATES:** Nominations for peer reviewers must be submitted by October 29, 1998. A detailed resume for each nominated scientist should be included with the submission. The projected date for the peer review workshop is late 1998 or early 1999, depending on the availability of the peer reviewers.

**ADDRESSES:** Peer reviewer nominations should be sent to Susan Goldhaber at Research Triangle Institute, Inc., P.O. Box 12194, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, 27709. Peer reviewer nominations may also be submitted by facsimile at 919-541-7155, or by E-mail at [sbg@rti.org](mailto:sbg@rti.org). The peer review workshop will be held in Ontario, California.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical and logistical inquiries, contact Susan Goldhaber, Research Triangle Institute, by telephone, at 919-541-5965, by facsimile, at 919-541-7155, or by E-mail, at [sbg@rti.org](mailto:sbg@rti.org).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

EPA is in the process of developing a toxicological review document for perchlorate, including a revised provisional RfD, cancer assessment, and ecological assessment. An RfD is an estimate of a daily oral human